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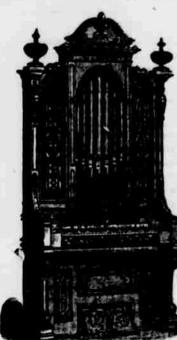
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A few years ago, concluding to take a summer vacation, I accepted the invitation of a friend residing in St. Landry parish to pay him a visit. I found the trip up the Mississippi, on Red River, and then into the winding bayous pleasant enough; but, being neither Dickens nor Thackeray, I was unable to appreciate the ride in a stage coach from the steamboat landing many miles into the 'interior to my friend's home.

Arrived there, I felt somewhat fatigued, and wishing to join my friend in a hunting expedition at sunrise the next morning, I retired early, kissing as I rose his little fair-haired girl good night. Why did I sigh? Not at my friend's happitess in possessing so intelligent a wife and so sweet a child! No, only at an old bachelor's thoughts of "what might have been." To dispel unpleasant fancies, I drew out a cigar and threw myself into a chair at the open window, while I looked moodily out on the quiet prairie with its starry vault overhead, and the dark woods enclosing it.

Turning from the window after a time, visions of the past were soon forgotten in the contemplation of a beautiful portrait, which is altered to be placed near his couch. He raised his arms toward the scouch. He raised his arms toward the scouch. He raised his arms toward the couch. He raised his arms toward the scouch. He raised his arms toward the troid.

Among his papers I found no clue as to the fireds. He is intered in the

the half shy, carnest violet eyes, a glance of the tenderest love. The perfect lips seemed about to express the thought that looked from those wondrous eyes. Dark hair fell in curls over a fair brow, and white dimpled shoulders. Sometime upon her? Perhaps I judged her harshly; and white dimpled shoulders. Sometime longer I gazed at the bewitching face, so lifelike in its loveliness, then turning to my pillow, was haunted by it in dreams.

The next day I asked my friend the name of the original of the portrait, and also the name of the artist who could paint so divinely.

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"The artist is the same," replied he,
"who painted the portrait of my little
girl Minnie, which you thought so good.
His name is James Harvey. What little
I know of him, and of the portrait that
has attracted your attention, I will tell

"About a year ago, in the month of May, Mr. Harvey came into the neigh-borhood in feeble health. He boarded at the hotel in the village for the first five weeks, until I, hearing he was an ar-tist, engaged him to take Minnie's por-trait, after which he took up his abode with us. He was not more than twentywith us. He was not more than twenty-five or six years of age, tall and slender, with wavy golden hair and a long silky moustache drooping over a mouth like a girl's. Although so young, he was al-ready in a decline, plainly indicated by a cough and a peculiar brightness of the blue-gray eva.

blue-gray eye. He was sad and even morose in disposition, and seldom smiled, except at the prattle of little Minnie. The child became very much attached to him, and still cherishes foudly a number of little drawings he made for her.

After Minnie's portrait was finished, Mr. Harvey asked us to board him a month longer, as he liked the quiet of the wood and prairie. We sympathized much with the hand-

ome young artist, and invited him to spend the rest of the summer with us if he liked. He accepted gladly, saying with a faint smile, "I have not long to live, and if Death seizes me while here he will be robbed of halt his horrors." "Is your mother living?" my wife asked

"No," he answered, "I have no relatives in the world, no one to regret my death.

Mr. Harvey seldom conversed, but lived within himself, spending the great-er portion of his time in wandering aimlessly over the wood and prairie; gazing sketch of a spot that pleased his fancy. When in-doors, he sat in a small hall fixed up as a studio, where he painted for hours on the picture of a lady. We thought it a creation of his fancy, as each day we beheld it growing into perfect beauty beneath the touches of his pencil. Even when the picture seemed complete, Mr. Harvey continued to spend hours gazing upon it, now and then touching up an eyebrow, or adding a deeper shadow to the dark wavy hair. Sometimes, with a muttered imprecation, he would rise from the contemplation of it, and turning the face to the wall, would not look at it for several days.

I happened to enter his study one day when he sat engrossed with the portrait a modern Pygmalion, utterly oblivious to all else except the eyes of his pictured

I asked him if it were a portrait of a

lady-love.
"I loved her," he answered, "and she told me that she returned my passion.
Could a woman look like that and lie? Yet because I was poor she broke the en-gagement and married a richer suitor. You doubtless think me a fool, but I love

her still." He was now very weak, and the last agi-tation brought on a violent fit of coughing. I changed the subject to relieve him, and he never referred to the subject again. Late one afternoon he returned from walk, and showed me a sketch he had made, of a spot in the wood where the

shadows were the deepest, and the bayou wound like a thread round the roots of tall magnolias, live oak and cypress trees. At the foot of one of the magnolias was to be seen a grave, upon the head-piece of which was inscribed the name, "James

"Bury me there, my friend, for death is very near me; I shall rest in that quiet

As I looked at him I could not doubt that he would soon die. A restless brood-ing expression looked forth from his sunken glittering eyes. His cheeks and lips were bright with the hectic flush which some passing emotion had called up. He leaned on a slender walking cane, and gazed toward the setting sun. I felt deep pity for the young man about to be cut off in the glorious heyday of youth, and I wondered if he had given up, with-out a struggle, the aspirations of early manhood; the hopes of becoming some-thing above the common herd. I think not, for his talent as an artist was suffi not, for his talent as an artist was sufficient to make him desirous of winning renown. Whatever had been his hopes, thew were flown; and now, with the calmness, it seemed of despair, he talked of dying. He avoided religion, and in death seemed to expect simply repose.

Time wore on. September came with the golden haze of Indian summer. Mr.

the golden haze of Indian summer. Mr. Harvey was unable to perceive the beauties of this most lovely season, for he had been confined to his bed for some time. I feared he would never rise, and asked if there was any friend with whom he would like to communicate. He replied in the negative. He seemed to be without friends as well as relatives for he never friends as well as relatives, for he never received letters or communications of any

kind.

One morning he appeared to be entirely free from pain, for the first time in many days. He requested to see Minnie. She came in, bringing some flowers fresh with the morning dew. He took them in his hand and held them to his parched lips, asking Minnie one or two questions about her various pets. After a few minutes he said, in a low, faltering tone:

"Little one, I am dying. Will you say a prayer for me?"

With a frightened look my little girl

commenced "Our Father who art in Heaven."

For a few moment his thoughts seemed to follow the prayer, but while the tender voice of the child still continued, he turned Published every morning, Monday exvoice of the child still continued, he turned his eyes with a look of unutterable love on the beautiful portrait, which during his ill-ness he had caused to be placed near his couch. He raised his arms toward the speaking face, and calling with his latest breath, "Julie," died.

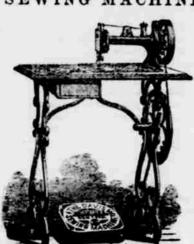
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